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## WES Impact Assessment Methodology

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# WES IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY



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Interlinked aspects:

- Stakeholder engagement (involving the right people)
- Defining, monitoring and assessing expected impacts (from the very beginning)



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More specifically:

- ensure (to the extent possible) that identification/selection of the most appropriate participants for the different activities at national, sub-regional and regional levels is achieved in a systematic way (*for the case of the capacity building activities*);
- review and assess the direct/immediate impact of the activities and the level of success of the interventions (based on well identified targets and indicators in the relevant TORs);
- monitor, within realistic terms the longer term/less direct impact of the activities, on the basis of follow-up actions that are taken by the beneficiaries and/or stakeholders after benefiting from the interventions.
- monitor how national legislation on Environment and Water is adapted as a result of the various WES activities.



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## Focal Points' role:

1. Support the Project Team in the implementation of the different project activities, by commenting on and approving the Terms of Reference related to National Activities, providing the necessary data, giving their clearance on the proposed NKE's team.
2. Propose the appropriate participants for capacity building activities as per their context and criteria set by the project team.
3. Collaborate with other Ministries, Authorities, Stakeholders, as well as the EU Delegation in identifying the priority needs of the country that are relevant to the project.
4. Elaborate on the potential for replication and mainstreaming of ideas, concepts and lessons learnt from the project's activities to secure wider outreach of national and regional benefits.
5. Attend the Project Steering Committee meetings to be held annually, and present the country's progress.
6. Contribute to the review of the activities' deliverables.
7. Promote the activities and the cross fertilisation between these and other relevant activities in the country and beyond.
8. Support the Project Team in the effort to assess the impacts of WES activities in country.
9. Follow up the Demo projects (where applicable).



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- During Preparation →
  - ToRs of activities (impact indicators)
  - The selection process
  
- During Implementation →
  - Dynamic participatory activities (quizzes, ...)
  - Evaluation *in situ* (e)questionnaires
  
- After Implementation →
  - Follow up and getting feedback (e-survey, capitalisation questionnaire completed by FPs)



# LESSONS CARRIED OVER



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- Clear ToRs and correct selection of beneficiaries - but it is a shared responsibility
- Dynamic, participatory, hands-on activities
- Effective communication to the appropriate stakeholders
- Good follow up and networking
- National mechanisms to ensure the full utilization of the gained experience
- Investing in ToTs and experts that ensure sustainability
- Facilitating stakeholder engagement and networking opportunities at national level
- Host and support national dialogues

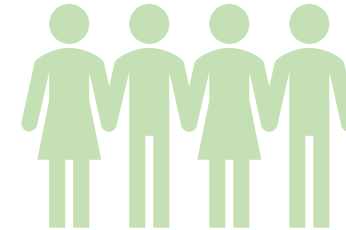


# IMPACT ASSESSMENT SURVEY



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- Will be sent to all participants
- Insight about the impact of the Capacity Building activities and trainings on participants at:
  - ✓ the personal level,
  - ✓ department/institutional level and,
  - ✓ the national level,



In addition:

To know more/better about existing challenges either at the institutional or at the national level



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- The e-survey will be combined with some deepening interviews towards the end of WES.

But .....

*there is resistance by most beneficiaries to being 'assessed', particularly if it is not clear from the application phase that there will be an impact assessment process that will follow later in time. This needs to be well communicated also by the WES FPs to each candidate (apart from the WES invitation stage).*





# MORE ....



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At the Completion phase of **WES a capitalization questionnaire** will be developed and used, mainly addressed to institutional partners such as the EUDs, FPs or higher, to capture the overall impact of WES activities. It will be shared with the FPs early in the WES planning phase so that there is a clear understanding of what they will be expected to monitor and report on.

The **WES National Meetings** will also offer the opportunity to get feedback on the project's impact from a wider set of stakeholders in each country (beyond the trainees and FPs) including other projects and processes running environment or water related projects (national, sub-regional or Mediterranean), donor agencies, private sector, local authorities, NGOs, etc. **Interesting trainee experiences and capitalization cases can be showcased and highlighted by the overall WES storytelling approach.**



# STAKEHOLDERS ARE KEY

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- Trainees from the government / ministries must have the authority to contribute to the decision making process and in designing policies.
- BlueGreen Med-Civil Society networking mechanism will be working closely with WES to identify and invite appropriate Mediterranean CSOs and NGOs.
- Gender and Youth aspects will be carefully planned and monitored from the ToR development phase.





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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !**

